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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone is safe and well.

We are writing to you to thank you, and your fantastic children, for your overwhelming support of school during this difficult time.

As a school, we recognise the challenges that parents are facing, trying to work from home and support their children with remote learning along with all the challenges that the pandemic is placing on us all. We know that most parents are not educational specialists and haven't had the rigorous training and experience our staff have and yet, you are trying your hardest to support your children. Thank you!

Please do not beat yourself up about what you are doing to support your child at home. Everyone's personal circumstances are different and everyone is doing the best they can to support their children. If you are finding it difficult to keep up with the volume of work your child is expected to complete each day, then focus on reading and maths. Reading is an invaluable skill that is the key to all learning and opens doors to future opportunities.

We are overwhelmed by the number of children engaging with remote learning and are incredibly proud of the work that the children are doing. We have asked teachers to let us know each week the names of children who have worked exceptionally hard on their remote learning so that we can give them a shout out on the weekly blog.

You may be aware that the government announced that all statutory assessments have been suspended for this year; a decision that we feel is right for our children following the prolonged period of upheaval. We will however continue to use our internal assessment procedures to check out where children are in their learning so we can plan their next steps.

As we tackle the next few weeks ahead, please remember these words from Amanda Gorman, the inspirational young poet who spoke at President Joe Biden's inauguration last Wednesday:

"For there is always light, if only we are brave enough to see it."

Thank you again for all of your support and for your lovely messages. Stay safe.

Mrs Walker & Mrs Jenkinson

